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Title: Need to send a medical team and provide adequate vaccine to Kalahandi in Orissa waith a view to prevent spread of Brain Malaria.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the health infrastructure in Thuamul Rampur and Laljigarh Blocks of Kalahandi District in Orissa has totally failed thereby leading to brain malaria deaths which can become an epidemic if it is not controlled in time. The patient ward in Thuamul Rampur Hospital has broken down and the van which has been given for the Malaria Eradication Programme by the then Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi is still there even today, but it has stopped functioning for the last one year. That vehicle should be replaced with a new mobile medical van and an ambulance should be provided so that the affected persons can come to the hospital for treatment. The tribal children have died of brain malaria there. Last year, there was a diarrhoea epidemic which spread to the adjoining districts of Raigada and Navrangpur where hundreds of people died and it also spread to the nearby tribal pocket of KBK region. So, I urge upon the Government to treat the KBK area as a special case and make a special purpose vehicle for eradication of malaria and prevention of water-borne diseases in the district immediately.

Then, there are no staff quarters in Thuamal Rampur Block Hospital. Thuamal Rampur and Laljigarh blocks are the only ITDP blocks in Kalahandi District of Orissa. Therefore, I demand that construction of staff quarters for Class III and Class IV employees and Medical Officer quarter should be immediately taken up there. I would also like to demand that a small Blood Bank should also be started there.